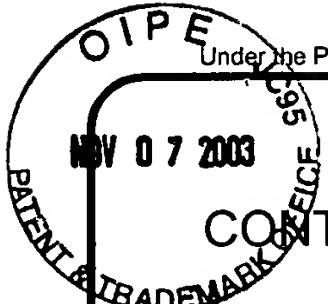


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|                 | <b>First Named Inventor</b>   | H. Kenneth Staffin |
|                 | <b>Art Unit</b>               | 1764 ✓             |
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|                 | <b>Attorney Docket Number</b> | 2453-80A           |

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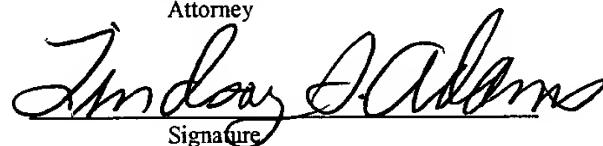


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